

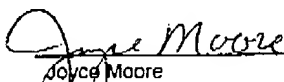
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2002 (Paper No. 6).

The Office Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to treating composition, classified in class 510, subclass 109, 275, and 276.
- II. Claims 13-26, drawn to a method for treating shoes, classified in class 134, subclass 42.

The Office Action states that because these inventions are distinct and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

For the purpose of complying with 35 U.S.C. Section 121, and without admitting that the restriction requirement is proper, the Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of the invention in Group I, Claims 1-12.

Respectfully submitted,

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